



MEETING MINUTES

Jersey City Environmental Commission
City Hall – 280 Grove Street, Jersey City NJ 07302
Gerald F. Nicholls, Chair
Sara K. Schultzer, Vice Chair

Meeting: General Meeting

Date / Location: 14 October 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Caucus Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302

Attendees: **Commissioners/City Representatives** **Public Participants**
Tanya Marione-Stanton
Elizabeth Phillips-Lorenzo
Gerry Nicholls
Michelle Luebke
Bryant Holt
Sara Schultzer
Gabriel Ristorucci

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Date Prepared: 20 October 2014

ROLE CALL

Six of nine commissioners were present, which constituted quorum. Commissioner Latham and Commissioner Veribello were absent and one commissioner position remains unfilled.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Holt – reported back on trip to Camden Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA) and Philadelphia to see Green Infrastructure in the parks. Photos provided to commissioners through email.

NEW BUSINESS

The following new business items were discussed:

November Meeting

There will be a November 18th meeting to host Green Infrastructure Center to conduct a working meeting for the Shade Tree Inventory.

The commission will also review the 2015 annual calendar, which will be put to a vote.

Sustainable Jersey Accreditation

Sustainable Jersey accreditation is a major commitment and requires appropriation of City funds for projects and coordination between different agencies. The City would like to maintain Sustainable Jersey Accreditation and is considering delegating this role to JCEC with a partnership with Sustainable Jersey City (SJC)/"Green Team."

Chair Nicholls will reach out to SJC and coordinate meeting with Commissioner Luebke and Commissioner Ristorucci. The purpose the meeting and coordination is to establish an agreement or memorandum of understanding on structure of a potential partnership with SJC. During the meeting, different concepts were discussed, such as making SJC an Associate Member of the JCEC. The “Community Green Team” concept was also discussed.

Meeting Minutes

The 16 September 2014 Meeting Minutes will be accepted during the November meeting pending the revision of a minor typographically error.

The commissioners agreed to share the responsibility of preparing the meeting minutes on a rotating basis.

CLOSING REMARKS AND OTHER BUSINESS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Holt indicated he will resign his seat when his term ends February 2015.

RCCI – staff submitted letter of interest to DEP for technical support for a Community Vulnerability Study.

Meeting agendas must be prepared at least three days in advance of the meeting so they can be issued for public review.

GENERAL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public attended the meeting; no issues were raised.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Commissioners to submit bios for website.
2. Chair Nicholls to meet with SJC.
3. Commissioner Ristorucci to coordinate website updates and upgrades.
4. The 2015 meeting calendar must be drafted.

NEXT MEETING

The next Environmental Commission is scheduled for 18 November 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Law Conference Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 280 Grove Street.

